

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A telecommunications device, comprising:
5 a positioning controller adapted to determine positioning information for said telecommunications device; and
a wireless communications controller adapted to receive said positioning information from said positioning controller and cause said positioning information to be transmitted to an associated administration device when said telecommunications
10 device is determined to be out of a predetermined range.
2. A telecommunications device as recited in claim 1, wherein said positioning controller receives Global Positioning System (GPS) signals to determine said positioning information.
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3. A telecommunications device as recited in claim 2, wherein said wireless communications controller is a cellular telephone controller.
4. A telecommunications device as recited in claim 2, wherein said
20 wireless communications controller is a personal communications service (PCS) controller.
5. A telecommunications device as recited in claim 1, wherein said predetermined range includes a geographic, date, and time-of-day ranges.
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6. A telecommunications device as recited in claim 1, wherein said positioning controller is adapted to receive predetermined range information via said wireless communications controller.
- 30 7. A telecommunications system, comprising:
a wireless device including a positioning controller and a communications controller; and
an administrative device for receiving alerts from said wireless communication

device via said communications controller when said positioning controller determines that said wireless device is outside a predetermined range.

8. A telecommunications system in accordance with claim 7, wherein
5 said positioning controller receives global positioning network signals for determining a position of said wireless communications device.

9. A telecommunications system in accordance with claim 8, wherein said
communications controller comprises a cellular network controller for transmitting on
10 a cellular telephone network to said administrative device.

10. A telecommunications system in accordance with claim 9, wherein said
administrative device is adapted to display location information when said wireless
device is determined to be outside said predetermined range.

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11. A telecommunications system in accordance with claim 10, wherein
said predetermined range is associated with one or more of a geographic range,
time-of-day range, or date range.

20 12. A telecommunications method, comprising:
affixing a wireless device to a predetermined object;
programming said wireless device to be in a predetermined range; and
transmitting one or more alerting signals to an administrative device when
said wireless device is determined to be outside said predetermined range.

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13. A telecommunications method in accordance with claim 12, wherein
said administrative device comprises a telephony device.

14. A telecommunications method in accordance with claim 12, wherein
30 said one or more alerting signals comprise one or more e-mail signals.

15. A telecommunications method in accordance with claim 12, wherein

said one or more alerting signals comprise one or more text messaging signals.

16. A telecommunications method in accordance with claim 12, wherein said predetermined range is associated with at least one of geographic range, time-
5 of-day range, or date range.

17. A computer, comprising:
a graphical user interface for displaying one or more predetermined ranges
and allowing a user to select said one or more predetermined ranges; and
10 a controller for programming one or more predetermined ranges into a
wireless communication device, said wireless communication device including a
positioning controller for receiving positioning signals, and a wireless interface for
transmitting device positions to an administrative device and alerting said
administrative device when said wireless communication device is outside said one
15 or more predetermined ranges.

18. A computer in accordance with claim 17, wherein said one or more
predetermined ranges are associated with at least one of geographic range, time-of-
day range, or date range
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19. A computer in accordance with claim 18, wherein said administrative
device comprises one or more hardware or software modules of said computer.